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1. GERHARD WESSEL ALIAS WIRLAND APPOINTED COLONEL 19 DEC WILL PROBABLY BE NAMED AS HEAD OF A SECURITY OFFICE IN DEF MIN WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL SECURITY MATTERS. IN RECOGNITION OF SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM THIS OFFICE WILL BE DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE SENIOR OFFICIAL, PROBABLY GENERAL SPEIDEL. DEPUTY TO WESSEL WILL BE FORMER MAJOR ARMIN ECK ALIAS EDLINGER, ZIPPER OPERATIONAL SECURITY OFFICER MANY YEARS. AMONG RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE ALL THOSE CURRENTLY WITH OSTER OFFICE.

2. IF ABOVE ACTUALLY TRUE, REPRESENTS DECISION IN INTERNAL CONFLICT THAT HAS LONG BEEN SMOULDERING BETWEEN SPEIDEL AND HEUSINGER. HEUSINGER HAS STEADFASTLY DEFENDED KIELMANSEGG AND OSTER POSITION IN THIS FIELD AGAINST SPEIDEL, UTILITY, WESSEL EFFORTS ESTABLISH WESSEL AS TOP INTELL STAFF OFFICER IN DEF MIN. APPARENT BLANK ALSO CAME TO SUPPORT THIS POSITION. APPOINTMENT SPEIDEL EQUAL RANK HEUSINGER, FORMATION JOINT STAFF UNDER SPEIDEL, MOVEMENT OF HEUSINGER TO MORE LIMITED PLANNING ROLE AND ASSIGNMENT KIELMANSEGG TO PARIS ALL CONTRIBUTED TO NEW SITUATION IN WHICH MOVE DESCRIBED PARA 1 MADE POSSIBLE.

3. POC COMMENT: WESSEL AND ECK ARE LINKED A FORMIDABLE TEAM WHICH COULD UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE GREAT CONTRIBUTION IN SECURITY FED REP DEF MIN. WE ASSUME THAT THIS MERELY FORERUNNER OF MOVE TO ESTABLISH CENTRALIZED STAFF IN DEF MIN RESPONSIBLE FOR INTELL EVAL CI AND SECURITY FUNCTIONS, WITH WESSEL AS J-2. THIS WOULD ALSO BRING MII ABWEHR WHICH HAS BEEN SPARK PLUGGED BY ODOPAL AND WORRIED ABOUT BY SMOOTHER INTO A MORE COORDINATED ROLE VIS A VIS UPSWING. ECK HAS BEEN ZIPPER FLAPS MAN AND [] OPPOSITE NUMBER FOR YEARS. WESSEL HAS RECENTLY BEEN DEALING WITH [] ON ENTIRE PROBLEM OF ZIPPER SECURITY SYSTEM AND RELATED PROBLEM ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED U.S. INFO. HIS EXPERIENCE IN ZIPPER AND HIS TWO YEARS IN PARIS OBVIOUSLY QUALIFY HIM FOR POSITION. ALSO NOTEWORTHY IS FACT THAT WESSEL AND NOT NIETSCHMANN TRAVELED TO PARIS LAST WEEK TO MEET WITH GENERAL SCHWEIZER, SHAPE G-2, ON FED REP DEF MIN INTELL SUMMARIES THAT ARE NOW PASSED FORTNIGHTLY TO SHAPE. SCHWEIZER SENT DEF MIN LTR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION WAS INVITED BY WESSEL VISIT FED REP AND GERMAN INTELL OFFICES EARLY IN 1956.

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